



# What's New in the City

## *City of Natchitoches*

### Celebrate Independence Day at Celebration on the Cane July 4th

The City of Natchitoches invites you to celebrate Independence Day at Celebration on the Cane Saturday, July 4, 2015 on the downtown riverbank. The annual Fourth of July celebration will feature a patriotic Cane River Green Market, live musical entertainment, delicious food vendors, amusements for kids of all ages, and a spectacular fireworks show over Cane River Lake. Admission to Celebration on the Cane is free and open to the public.

The all-day event will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a patriotic Cane River Green Market. The market will be open from 8:00 a.m. until noon on the riverbank and will feature a large assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables, value-added products, and handcrafted items. The first 100 children to check in at the CRGM Kids Club tent will receive a free patriotic tote to assist with their shopping needs. Activities at the Cane River Green



the recitation of the Declaration of Independence at 10:00 a.m. by Shreveport native Kenneth Krefft.

Activities will continue into the afternoon with inflatable water slides, bounce houses and face painting for the kids. A variety of food vendors will sell Fourth of July favorites such as Italian ice, funnel cakes, meat pies, hot dogs and more. Trinket vendors will also be on site with Independence Day memorabilia and souvenirs.

Musical entertainment kicks off at 3:30 p.m. with the always exciting and local favorite, The LaCour Trio. With only three members, the LaCour Trio provides big band sound taking you on a musical journey covering Zydeco, Soul, Country, Rock and Roll, and Top 40 Dance hits. The LaCour Trio has played in many venues both nationally and internationally. The LaCour Trio will perform from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the riverbank stage.

At 6:00 p.m., the good times continue to roll with Bluesiana Red, a blues band from

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*The LaCour Trio  
Performing 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.*

Market include a free Zumba class instructed by Kimmy's Zumba at 8:30 a.m. followed by

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#### Did you know?

- The Recreation and Parks Department is now taking orders for Christmas Festival tarps. Tarps are \$60 per spot. Tarp area arm bands can be picked up the week of Christmas Festival. For more information, call 357-3891.
- NSU Summer Dinner Theatre will present "Always... Patsy Cline" July 29 - August 1 and August 5 - 8 in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Tickets are \$25 for dinner and the show. Reservations required. Call (318) 357-4218 or (318) 357-4483 for more information.
- The Cane River Green Market is open every Saturday through July 25 from 8 - 12 on the downtown riverbank. Credit, Debit and SNAP accepted.
- Deadline for entry into the Christmas Festival Poster contest is July 10. Call Karen Terrell at 318-352-6925 or Alicia Rachal at 318-357-3838 for more information.

## Celebration on the Cane (cont.)

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*Bluesiana Red  
Performing 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

southwest Louisiana throwing down some real funky Blues, Rock and Roll, Soul and R&B. The Lake Charles area band consists of dynamic musicians with more than 75 years of combined experience seasoned with spicy Louisiana flavors and down home blues. Bluesiana Red has a sound that is true to the roots of southern blues, rock and roll,

boogie woogie, and cultural music. Bluesiana Red will perform from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the riverbank stage.

No Fourth of July Celebration would be complete without fireworks. At 9:00 p.m., the festivities will conclude with a spectacular fireworks show over Cane River Lake.

Admission to Celebration on the Cane is free and open to the public.

The downtown riverbank will be closed to motorists all day on July 4. Those attending Celebration on the Cane should make plans to park on Front Street or elsewhere within the Natchitoches Historic District.

In preparation for the fireworks show, the Church Street Bridge will close to all traffic, including pedestrians and motorists, at 8:30 p.m. In addition, Williams Avenue from Whitfield to Henry Avenue will also close at 8:30 p.m. The roadway and bridge will reopen after the fireworks show is completed.

For more information, please call the Natchitoches Main Street Office at (318) 352-2746 or visit [www.downtownnatchitoches.com](http://www.downtownnatchitoches.com).

## Adopt-a-Block Program to Hold Backpack Giveaway July 25

Adopt-a-Block, an outreach program of Faith Family Church, will hold its Third Annual Backpack Giveaway on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at the MLK Recreational Community Center in Natchitoches. This community event serves to give backpacks to students in need for the upcoming school year. Each year over 200 backpacks filled with school supplies are distributed.

The Backpack Giveaway will be held Saturday, July 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Backpacks will include crayons, rulers, spiral notebooks, loose leaf paper, pencils, binders, Kleenex, pencil pouches, folders and a Bible.

For more information, please contact Meghan Sylvia at (318)652-4806 or via email at [adoptablock.nat@gmail.com](mailto:adoptablock.nat@gmail.com).

## July Programming at LASHOF

The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum will offer a variety of programs in the month of July including lectures, author meet and greets, and summer camps.

Children in grades 3 through 8 are invited to join the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum for "D.A.S.H." camp July 13 - 17. This one week day camp features Drama, Art, Sports, History and Fun! Activities include museum scavenger hunts, creating works of art, games and other activities! DASH camp will take place from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday, July 13 - Friday, July 17 at the museum. Registration is \$60 per child and includes a Sports Hall of Fame T-shirt. Space is limited. To reserve your child's space, please call (318) 357-2491 or email [tleecrt@la.gov](mailto:tleecrt@la.gov). DASH camp is sponsored by FLASH.

On Tuesday, July 14, biographer Tommy Whitehead will present a lecture entitled "The Legacy of Clementine Hunter."

The lecture will discuss Clementine Hunter's legacy as well as the significance of her large scale works of art. The lecture will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Local author Walter Delphin will debut his autobiography, *Boots in the Grass*, on Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18 at 6:00 p.m. *Boots in the Grass* is part historical novel set amidst the Creole culture in the Cane River farm community of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and also covers Delphin's time in Chicago, Illinois, and Los Angeles as a young man. His story take you through the elephant grass of the Vietnam War, his subsequent personal heartbreak after returning from the war, and his life-long struggle with PTSD. Join the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum for a chance to meet Walter Delphin, hear his story and buy a signed copy of *Boots in the Grass*. The meet and greet is free and open to the public.



*Walter Delphin, author of Boots in the Grass will host a book reading and signing July 17 & 18 at the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum*



# 36th Annual Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival July 17 & 18

The 36th Annual Natchitoches - NSU Folk Festival will be held on Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18 in Prather Coliseum which is located at 220 South Jefferson Street, on the campus of Northwestern State University. The site is wheelchair accessible and the festival is family oriented. No alcohol is allowed or sold on the site.

Two day all-events passes may be purchased in advance through July 15 at a discounted price of \$11 per person. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Louisiana Folklife Center located in Room 213 of Keyser Hall on the NSU campus during the following hours: Monday - Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tickets are also available for purchase by mail by sending a check or money order made payable to Northwestern State University, LA Folklife Center, NSU Box 3663, Natchitoches, LA 71497. For more information on purchasing tickets, call (318) 357-4332.

Tickets can be purchased at Prather Coliseum on July 17 and 18. The ticket booth opens at 4:30 p.m. on July 17 and at 8:00 a.m. on July 18. The Festival closes at 10:30 p.m. both nights.

Children age 12 and under receive free admission to all events on both days. Ticket prices for adults are \$5 per person for Friday, July 17; \$8 per person for all events on Saturday, July 18; \$5 per person for an evening pass to all events after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 18.

The Festival Theme is "Backroads and Bayous: Celebrating Louisiana's Rural Folklife." Music, food, crafts, narrative sessions, and demonstrations will be featured.

"The theme harks back to when Louisiana society and the larger Delta were based upon communal folkways," said Dr. Shane Rasmussen, director of the festival and the Louisiana Folklife Center. "Survival often meant banding together to engage in group activities and celebrations, when traditional ways of agricul-



ture, craftsmanship and sociality meant tapping into wisdom that was tested not only in the fires of time but in lived experience."

The Annual Louisiana State Fiddle Championship will also be part of the Festival. The Fiddle Championship will be held July 18 at 1:00 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. There will be a non-championship class and a championship class. Registration is at noon in the second floor foyer outside Magale Recital Hall. At 12:15 p.m., James Linden Hogg will make a presentation on 19th Century Folk Music. The Fiddle Championship winner will perform on the main stage in Prather Coliseum at 5:30 p.m.

Among the featured musical groups on Friday will be Joyful Sounds, Gal Holiday and the Honky Tonk Revue, an open bluegrass and country jam with Max and Marcy, The Haystax, the Jambalaya Cajun Band with D.L. Menard, Richard LeBouef and Two Step, Reasonable Facsimile, and Hardrick Rivers and the Rivers Revue Band. There will also be Cajun dance lessons on Friday and Saturday.

Musical groups performing on Saturday are James Linden Hogg, The Fugitive Poets, the Bethlehem Bluegrass Band, the Back Porch Band, the Born Not Yet String Band, classic country with Graybow Riot, an open bluegrass and country jam with Max and Marcy, John and Karen Keane, fiddler Dennis Elliott, the Caddo Creek Band, and Rivers. Also performing on Saturday will be Kevin Naquin and the Ossun Playboys, Kira Viator Weber and Bayou Beat, Nathan and Nathan Williams and the Zydeco Cha-Chas. Programs on

Louisiana fiddle styles with Elliott and Ron Yule, Native American culture in the Delta with the Tunica-Biloxi singers and the Winnsboro Easter Rock Ensemble will be featured on Saturday. The Czech Dancers will also perform.

Narrative sessions will include programs on French language, music, fiddling, canning and pre-

serving, boat making, agriculture, Delta foodways, quilting and wood carving. Outside demonstrations such as blacksmithing and working cattle dogs will be held throughout the day on Saturday.

More than three dozen craftspeople have been invited to display their traditional work on Saturday and discuss their work with those attending the Festival. Craftspeople are expected to display furniture, art, toys, dolls, jewelry, whips, musical instruments, baskets, beadwork and more.

Kidfest will once again be available on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Kidfest is an area dedicated to child-friendly activities and is a fun way for children to examine their own cultural and family traditions as well as those from around the state.

Support for the Festival is provided by grants from the National Park Service, the Natchitoches Historic District Development Commission, Louisiana Division of the Arts - Shreveport Regional Arts Council, the Cane River National Heritage Area, the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation, Inc., Time-It Lube LLC, the Natchitoches Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Elite Broadcasting, the City of Natchitoches and Mayor Lee Posey, City Bank & Trust Co., and Weyerhaeuser of Natchitoches.

For more information, call (318) 357-4332, send an email to [folkfife@nsula.edu](mailto:folkfife@nsula.edu), go to [louisianafolkfife.nsula.edu/](http://louisianafolkfife.nsula.edu/) or visit their Facebook page at [facebook.com/NSULAFOLKLIFECENTER](https://www.facebook.com/NSULAFOLKLIFECENTER).

## City of Natchitoches

Oldest Permanent  
Settlement in the  
Louisiana Purchase

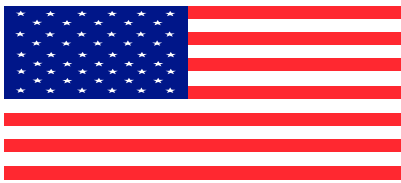
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**Happy Fourth of July!**

**The City of Natchitoches will  
be closed Friday, July 3 in  
honor of Independence Day.**

## Applications Being Accepted for Miss Merry Christmas & Miss Natchitoches Teen Pageants

Contestants are being sought for the 2015 Miss Merry Christmas and Miss Natchitoches Teen Pageants to be held Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Natchitoches Events Center.

The Miss Merry Christmas Pageant is open to young ladies who will be enrolled in the 12th grade in a Natchitoches Parish high school. Participants compete in scholastic achievement, interview, evening wear and onstage question. The winner will be crowned Miss Merry Christmas and will receive a NSU tuition scholarship, cash scholarship and other prizes and awards. Christmas Belles will also be selected from the pageant. Miss Merry Christmas will serve as the official hostess of the Natchitoches Christmas Festival. She and the Christmas Belles will represent Natchitoches at various events throughout the holiday season.

The Miss Natchitoches Teen Pageant is open to young ladies who will be enrolled

in grades 9 - 11 in a Natchitoches Parish school. Participants compete in scholastic achievement, interview, sportswear, evening wear and onstage question. The winner will receive a cash scholarship and other prizes and is eligible to compete in the Miss Louisiana Teen Princess Pageant in summer 2016.

There is a \$75 entry fee to enter either the Miss Merry Christmas or Miss Natchitoches Teen pageants. Applications can be picked up at the Natchitoches Main Street Office Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. There must be at least 10 girls entered in each pageant for the pageants to take place.

All applications and entry fees for both pageants must be returned to the City of Natchitoches Main Street Office at 781 Front Street in Natchitoches no later than Friday, August 28, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Samantha Bonnette at (318) 352-2746.

## Upcoming Holidays & Important Dates

Every Saturday  
— Cane River  
Green Market  
from 8 a.m. to  
noon on the  
downtown  
riverbank.



July 3 - Independence Day Holiday  
(observed). City Offices Closed

July 4 - Celebration on the Cane,  
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. on the Down-  
town Riverbank

July 6 - Hwy 1 Roadway Improve-  
ments Public Meeting, 5:00 p.m. to  
7:00 p.m. at Christ the King Lu-  
theran Church (305 Royal Street)

July 6 - Historic District Commission  
meeting, 5:00 p.m. at the Natchito-  
ches Arts Center

July 7 - Planning & Zoning Meeting,  
5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts  
Center

July 13 - City Council Meeting, 5:30  
p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

July 14 - "The Legacy of Clementine  
Hunter: A Lecture by Tommy White-  
head," 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the  
Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and  
Northwest Louisiana History Mu-  
seum

July 16 - Historic District Develop-  
ment Commission meeting, 10:00

a.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

July 17 - 18 - 36th Annual Natchito-  
ches-NSU Folk Festival at Prather  
Coliseum on NSU Campus

July 17 & 18 - "Meet Walter Del-  
phin," 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the  
Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and  
Northwest Louisiana History Mu-  
seum

July 20 - Airport Commission meet-  
ing, 5:00 p.m. at Natchitoches Re-  
gional Airport

July 27 - City Council meeting, 5:30  
p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center